#### **Medical News Corner**

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#### Health Education Festival

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2004, a two days festival highlighting better eating habits took place at Shaikh Salman Health Center. This activity was organized by the Health Education Department in the ministry of health, and it is part of a series of awareness programmes that will be held at other health centers, societies and public places. Officials from the ministry of health, center's staff and patients were briefed on ways to prevent diseases. The festival featured healthy food products and publications on nutrition.

#### Diabetes conference set

More than 100 doctors and nurses attended a three-day diabetes conference on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2004 at the College of Health Sciences. The conference was featured by the participation of the Fifth Gulf Group for the Study of Diabetes (GGSD), which emphasized diabetic foot care and gave several educational workshops to improve the understanding of diabetes.

#### **Obesity Seminar**

Obesity was the focus of the ministry of health's world Diabetes Day this year, as it was found from a survey by the nutrition section at the ministry that 34% of women and 23% of men in the 19-17 year age group in Bahrain are obese, A seminar on obesity was held at the College of Health Sciences on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2004. Several topics were covered including therapies used to control obesity, screening for obesity and the role of diabetic education in raising awareness and managing the disease.

# A Biotechnology and Genomic network to set

The world Health Organization (WHO) has nominated Dr. Shaikha Al Arrayed the head of the Genetic Department at the ministry of health to attend its regional meeting to establish a biotechnology and genomic network in Islamic countries.

As the rapidly advancing science of biotechnology offers enormous potential for growth and improving lives of many people, it became a necessity to establish a network in the region to set priorities, plan future strategies and to share information and expertise.

Dr Shaikha also was elected as a member of the executive committee to study the development of the proposed network and to draft the laws and regulations for it. The other members of the executive committee are from Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt and Morocco.

### The fourth ophthalmologic congress

The fourth ophthalmologic congress of the Arab Ophthalmic Association and the first Bahrain Ophthalmologic Conference was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 2004 in Bahrain Conference Center. More than 300 eye-care professionals attended the congress. Among the subjects covered in the three-day event are cataract, eye injuries, refractive surgery, corneal and external eye diseases, glaucoma, diseases of the retina, inflammatory eye diseases, neuro-ophthalmology and contact lens.

## Seminar on Elderly Care

Al Manar for Parents Care Center in co-operation with Middle East Academy for Medicine of Aging (MEAMA) had organized 3 days seminar on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2004. The event was held to celebrate the international day of the elderly. A number of doctors from Holland, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain took part in the seminar, which focused on the health services provided to the elderly population.

# The following promotions and appointments have been released after being approved by the Minister.

#### **Appointments:**

- 1. Dr Abdul Hai Ali Al Awadhi Appointed as Assistant Undersecretary for Hospitals
- 2. Dr Fawzi Abdullah Amin Appointed as Assistant Undersecretary for Training and Planning
- 3. Ibrahim Mahdi Appointed as Assistant Undersecretary Administrative and Financial Affaires
- 4. Amina Abdullah Janahi
  Appointed as the Director of Training
- Hassan Ali Al Ansari Appointed as the Director of Financial Affaires
- 6. Mohammed Bucheeri
  Appointed as the Director of Health Clinics
- 7. Najeeb Sharif
  Appointed as the Director of Human Resources
- 8. Dr. Shoala Shakeeb Appointed as the Director of Services
- 9. Mohammed Al Qahtani Appointed as the Director of Engineering and Maintenance

# **Appointment of New Doctors:**

- 1. Dr. Alaa Mohammed Ghoneim (Egyptian) as Resident A/E Department
- 2. Dr. Khalid Mohammed Al Zahaby (Egyptian) as Resident A/E Department
- 3. Dr. Zuleikha Jasmine John (Indian) as Sr. Resident A/E Department
- 4. Dr. Mona Kamal Abul Mati (Egyptian) as Medical Doctor Primary Health Care
- 5. Dr. Mohammed Abdul Nasir (Indian) as Chief Resident (Radiotherapy) Oncology Department
- 6. Dr. S. Shivkumar (Indian) as Sr. Resident (Medical Oncology) Oncology Department
- Dr. Prabha Ramadorai (Indian) as Sr. Resident (Haematology Oncology) Oncology Department
- 8. Dr. Farzana A. Karim Al Sayed (Bahraini) as Chief Resident (Neurology) Clinical Neuroscience Department

## **Promotions:**

- 1. Dr. Basma Mahmood Mahboobi Promoted from: P-4 to P-5
- 2. Dr. Ebrahim Saad Al Rumaihi Promoted from: P-4 to P-5
- 3. Dr. Fatima Salman Haji Promoted from: P-4 to P-5
- 4. Dr. Aysha Siddiq Al Zaman Promoted from: P-4 to P-5
- 5. Dr. Wafa Moh'd Yousif Abdulla Promoted from: P-4 to P-5
- 6. Dr. Ebtihal Hussain Al Baharna Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 7. Dr. Fadel Mohsin Al Mawlani Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 8. Dr. Nabeel Imtiyaz Sarwani Promoted from: P-5 to P-6

- 9. Dr. Eman Ahmed Haji Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 10. Dr. Amani Abdulla Al Sabbagh Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 11. Dr. Sawsan Mohammed Kamal Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 12. Dr. Taher Ali Bin Ali Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 13. Dr. Faiza Haider Ali Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 14. Dr. Jamila Ahmed Al Dossary Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 15. Dr. Khulood Ahmed Ali Promoted from: P-5 to P-6
- 16. Dr. Naeema Ahmed A. Karim Promoted from: P-6 to P-7
- 17. Dr. Fayza Ahmed Al Jenaidi Promoted from: P-6 to P-7
- 18. Dr. Mohammed Kamal Al Omran Promoted from: P-7 to P-8
- 19. Dr. Jalila Jawad Al A'Ali Promoted from: P-7 to P-8
- 20. Dr. Hakima Ali Al Hashimi Promoted from: P-7 to P-8
- 21. Dr. Mohammed Najeeb Sameiy Promoted from: P-8 to P-9
- 22. Dr. Mohammed Al Rufaie Promoted from: P-8 to P-9

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